Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Road Board considered the necessity for this road even in the very beginning and they thought that it can be postponed, but if it is possible to do the work out of tender savings from works done near that locality, it may be done.

ROAD BOARD—WORKS RECOMMENDED—COMPLETION OF

215. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have all the works recommended by the Road Board been finished;

(*b*) if not, why not?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The Road Board suggestions are being worked according to programme.

(*b*) The Road Board programme is current for 1116 also; and it is expected that almost all the works can be completed this year.

AQUEDUCT IN ALOOR VILLAGE—CONDITION OF—COMPLAINTS REGARDING

216. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the ryots of Aloor Village, Talappilli Taluk held in St. Joseph's School, Aloor on Sunday, the 14th Kanni, 1116; and if so,

(*b*) whether a copy of the resolutions be printed and placed on the table;

(*c*) whether the aqueduct referred to in the resolution has been completely repaired; and if not,

(*d*) what is the reason for not repairing it;

(*e*) whether the Chief Engineer has complied with the request of the ryots to visit the place and take necessary action to redress their grievances;

(*f*) whether the President of the meeting had sent a copy of the resolutions to the Chief Engineer; and if so,

(*g*) whether he had mentioned in his forwarding letter to the Chief Engineer that he would be willing to meet him at Aloor provided he was informed of the date on which the Chief Engineer would find it convenient to visit the place;

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(*h*) whether the date convenient to the Chief Engineer has been communicated to him?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. A copy of the resolutions is placed on the Council Table.

(*c*) & (*d*) Arrangements are being made for repairing the aqueduct.

(*e*) The work being of a very petty nature, the Assistant Engineer was instructed to take urgent action in the matter.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) A full report made by the Assistant Engineer on the subject was forwarded to the President for his information. In the light of this report it was not considered necessary to visit the place urgently. Action is, however, being taken to effect maintenance repairs to the aqueduct wherever necessary.

217. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state with reference to the resolution passed at the public meeting held in St. Joseph's School, Aloor, Talappalli Taluk.—

(*a*) whether the Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division, in his letter dated 28th October 1940 B. 245/16 to the Chief Engineer, has mentioned that "by constant lifting and re-adjusting of the trough slight leakages occur in the joints;

(*b*) whether the letters dated 21st November 1940 and 28th November 1940, sent to the Chief Engineer by Mr. K. T. Mathew who was a member of the Cochin Legislative Council challenging some of the statements contained in the aforesaid letter of the Assistant Engineer be printed and placed on the Table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The copies of the letters are placed on the Council Table.

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